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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. *"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* JOHN 8:32.

C.O.G.I.C. HEADQUARTERS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE AUGUST 1987

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BISHOP



The presiding office of any organization is special because the position of leader is demanding, consuming and pressure packed. The same is true of Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., as he is indeed a very special person who leads a constituency of nearly 3 million worldwide. As the personification of our holiness institution, Bishop Patterson is under the spotlight. People are normally critical and hyper about any and every action he takes. What a difficult job. Well on July 21, 1987, the saints took notice, our presiding officer's service and celebrated his 75th birthday. It was not a time of critical observation of the man or the job, rather hundreds of admiring supporters celebrating his 75th birthday.

The evening was set at beautiful Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ. Nearly 50 bishops were in attendance and the saints numbered in the hundreds. The General Board of Bishops was in attendance and issued kind and supportive words. Area prelate from surrounding jurisdictions brought their choirs. The choirs from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee provided glorious music. Tributes were given to bishop from Mother Freddie J. Bell in behalf of Mother Mattie McGlothen, Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush from UNAC-5, Dr. O. Theodore Massey for the C. H. Mason Foundation and Bishop J. Howard Sherman for the Board of Bishops.

The festive evening was enhanced as bishop walked into the sanctuary to the sound of a special birthday song. The Memphis Hotel Association's representatives were on hand to present bishop a plaque. A gigantic birthday card bearing the signatures of all the bishops present was displayed. The card had bishop's favorite scripture as a part of the greetings. The ministry of giving was conducted by Bishop C. D. Owens. The church officials and saints presented bishop with a lovely token of love.

Bishop L. H. Ford commented on "Now There Are Three." He spoke of the fact that only three remain alive who served Bishop C. H. Mason on the first executive council. Bishop Ford raised the spectre of his history and sentiment as he reminisced about the past. Bishop F. D. Washington came from Arkansas, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., came from Tennessee and he (Bishop Ford) came from Mississippi to serve and lead our church. It was a moment of history.

The sermonic selection was rendered by Sister Sara J. Powell. She lifted up, "To God Be The Glory" and certainly every heart was prepared for the message. The message was delivered by Bishop F. D. Washington. The "preachers preacher" noted for his versatile delivery was replete with images as he depicted the minister's task. All the while his encouraging word was to keep on going. His message was a clarion sound which characterizes Holy Ghost inspired preaching. As he turned to take his seat, it was apparent the house up rocked under the anointing. There was only one complaint and that was the bishop quit too soon.

The entire event typified love at its best. The saints were saying to the leader, "thank you and may God continue to richly bless you." Bishop has a way of saying that also, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE FOUNDER

September 8, 1987, the Church of God in Christ world wide shall prayerfully observe the 121st anniversary of the birth of Bishop C. H. Mason, the sainted founder of our organization. His great contribution to the structure of religion is equal to that of any other founder. Bishop Mason stand equal with Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley and Richard Allen. His ministry has been a source of salvation, hope, renewal and a positive force within the world community. His small humble start has grown into a dynamic and stable institution of nearly 3 million ardents.

The organization's leadership desires each saint be observant of the coming celebration of bishop's birthday. Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson Sr., is asking for every congregation to join in a world wide fast on September 6th until 4:00 p.m. (your time). Bishop Patterson asked that all congregations at the designated time of worship give a befitting tribute to Bishop Mason. During the service, if possible point out some significant event in the life of Bishop Mason and highlight that. Of course the purpose is to encourage and educate youth and the new converts who have little or no knowledge of our founder.

Bishop Patterson is also asking that everyone keep the dream alive. He reflected, "Please know that I am most appreciative for the part you (saints) played in the 1986 ASU Rally. Through your support, we were able to realize a total profit of two Million dollars toward construction of our school. Although that

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BISHOP C.H. MASON 1962

by Lucy W. Flagg

Four score and nineteen years ago, (Sept. 8, 1882), the State of Tennessee gave birth to Charles Harrison Mason, Sr. He was destined to become the founder and organizer of one of the most dynamic and astoundingly progressive religious bodies in the world, the Church of God in Christ (1907).

A child was born, a son of thunder was given whose gospel message, personal influence, and prayers of faith, gave hope and courage to four generations in his life-time.

When Bishop Mason relinguished his physical habitation on earth Friday, November 17, 1961, the more than one million members of the militant Church of God in Christ felt a personal shock; along with his devoted family. Everyone needed a little more faith and grace to fully comprehend that DAD is no longer with us, and to say YES to the indominatable will and way of God Almighty.

We weep - for Jesus wept at the death of a friend. But we weep not as those who have no hope.

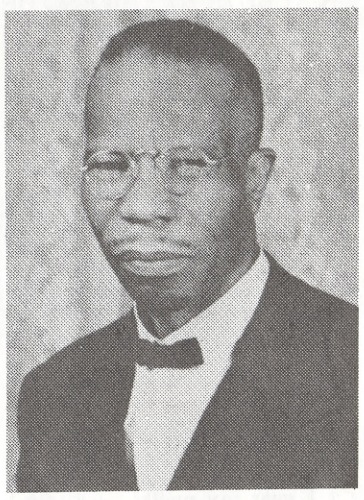
The thousands, of various races and creeds, who were present at the final rites, Tuesday, November 28, 1961, in Memphis, Tennessee at the National Headquarters of the Church of God in Christ, bespeak the essence of the greatness of the personality of a man small of statue.

As the Memorial Services progressed — including spontaneous expressions of love, devotion, and admiration from some of his eldest converts, prosaic renditions of some of his youngest sons and daughters, poetic resolutions of inspired talent, songs of faith by soloists and choir, telegrams and condolences too numberous to mention — the electrifying realization this man had discovered the SECRET OF THE VICTORIOUS LIFE penetrated the solemn assembly.

It is for us the living to rededicate our lives to the great work, which he thus far so nobly advanced.

Sleep on Bishop C. H. Mason... Sleep on, and take your rest. Some day we too will close our eyes... To stand that final test.

Will the Church of God in Christ die?



The Late Bishop C.H.Mason

A thousand times NO!

It will grow, and grow and grow and grow!

Why should we split, and fuss and spat—

For we firmly believe that THIS IS THAT!

—THE WHOLE TRUTH STAFF

Adapted and written by
Lucy Williams Flagg

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GUEST EDITORIAL

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BISHOP J.O. PATTERSON, SR

by Elder Clyde Young

ASSISTANT BOOK EDITOR COGIC OFFICIAL MANUAL PHILA., PA.

This year marks the birthday celebration of our Chief Apostle's ascension to that milestone of three quarters of a century. He has surpassed the biblical requirement of three score and ten and he goes on in full strength toward four scores. And though he views the Future Kingdom of God with youthful vision, his lofty office and presidium have not been without opposition and adversities. His much deserved tenure of office has seen the lightning flash and has heard the thunder roaring with its santanic breakers dashing to conquer his soul. But our "Great Shepherd" does challenge us as the Apostle Paul who asserted "FOR THOUGH YE HAVE TEN THOUSAND INSTRUCTORS IN CHRIST, YE HAVE NOT MANY FATHERS," I Cor. 4:15, and as a Father among us, he like Paul admonishes us, "If I be not an Apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you, for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord," I Cor. 9:2. We can respond to that reference and say without a doubt, we bear the seal of his apostleship, and we are by the will of God bound to his sheepfold embracing Pentecostal Holiness in this the Twentieth Century of Christendom.

One has to witness as I, the "Chief Shepherd" tending to his local flock at the Pentecostal Institutional Church of God in Christ in Memphis. The worship service on the Lord's Day with the "Great Shepherd" is a moving and sacred experience filled with the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS. It's a great experience to see the "Great Shepherd" with his common touch in this service, especially when he assists at the altar, attending with faltering souls. The large host of saints in his local parrish who worship in that vast, capacious edifice do so in an orderly and sacred manner befitting to saints of God. He is an example to the church's many bishops, pastors and noble women throughout the length and breadth of this brotherhood we call the Church of God in Christ. It's ministry has led us to green pastures of enlightened accomplishments.

In this year, his 75th year of his life, our "Great Shepherd," Bishop J. O. Patterson is joined by the many thousand of saints in prayers, praise and well wishes bid him good health, and good success in the years to come. If the Lord tarries and the work of the Kingdom continues, we, under the command of the "Great Shepherd" can say as the Apostle Paul, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy," Acts 20:24.

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FOUNDER

support was needed and appreciated, we fell short of the 500,000 units (1-unit equal $100.00) we sought." Due to the extreme wear and tear upon the ASU Rally team no one visited the designated ASU regions this year. Bishop is serving notice, the dream is very much alive. Our opportunity as a church is yet here. The money can be raised, a building built and our children educated.

Every pastor is asked on the day his congregation celebrates Bishop C. H. Mason's birthday, that he will encourage the saints to rally. Contribute again! 10 units are asked of every church.

The donation may be made by ten members giving $100.00 or one hundred members giving $10.00. Certainly, whatever method is employed, it should be suitable for the congregation. Hopefully your help will move the church one step closer to the dream. All contributions should be forwarded to the office of the presiding bishop.

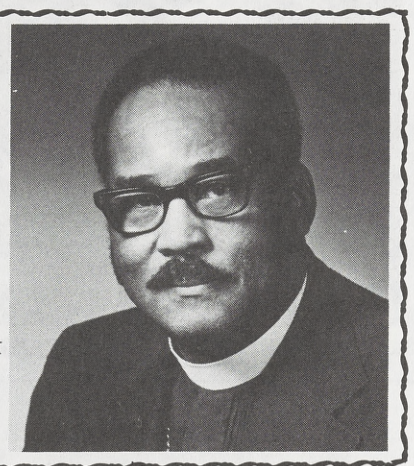
This is a very important time and hopefully, each person will be able to do his/her very best. Bishop C. H. Mason presented his all before the Lord and God surely blessed.

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Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

Office of the Presiding Bishop

My Fellow Servant in Christ:

I tender Holy greetings to you in the name of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May He grant you prosperity, peace and health and may His favor remain with you all the days of your life.

This correspondence is sent to inform you of a celebration that will be observed by the Church of God in Christ throughout the world. On September 8, 1987, we will observe the 121st Anniversary of the birth of our Sainted Founder, Charles Harrison Mason.

To honor his memory, a statue or memorial plaque would be fine. However, a more fitting memorial would be to keep alive those ministries he worked so diligently to establish.

It has been said, "where there is unity, there is strength." Since I agree with this saying, I am asking you and your congregation to join with the Saints around the world in a worship service on Sunday, September 6, 1987, to reflect on the ministry of our Sainted Founder and give praise to God for having brought us together through Bishop Mason. I am also asking that you encourage your members to fast on September 6th until 4:00 P.M. (your time zone) and end your fast with a family prayer and dinner.

At a designated time in the worship service, I am asking that a befitting tribute to Bishop Mason be given. I also ask that you remember one facet of Bishop Mason's ministry that is also a very important part of my life. That ministry is providing educational training for our youth.

Please know that I am most appreciative for the part you played in the 1986 ASU Rally. Through your support, we were able to realize a total profit of two million dollars toward the construction of our school. Although that support was needed and appreciated, we fell short of the 500,000 units (1 unit equals $100.00) we sought.

As you know, the ASU Task Force did not visit the regions this year. Last year's tour was very taxing for the Team members, therefore, it was decided that we would not visit the regions this year. However, we yet need your assistance.

You may assist us this year by encouraging your members to share in donating at least 10 units from your church. (A total of $1,000.00) The donation may be made by ten members giving $100.00 or one hundred members giving $10.00. The method in which the donation is made is not important. The critical need is that the donation be made.

If you would please receive the donations during the service and forward same to to our office, we would be most appreciative and our children will be closer to the day when they will be able to enroll in their Church's School.

Thank you for the support I am confident you will give as we continue to work toward the fruition of this all important ministry.

Your Chief-servant,

J.O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ, Inc.

NATIONAL NEWS

VIRGINIA NO. 1



Dr. E.L.Battles

September 9-11, 1987, Virginia First Jurisdiction will host a jurisdictional wide revival. The services will be conducted by President E. L. Battles and the International Evangelist Department. Bishop Ted Thomas will be the host bishop and desires the whole state of Virginia to participate in this soul saving effort. The daily program features a faith clinic, afternoon and evening worship services for the delegates in attendance. The New Community Church of God in Christ will be the site of the activity.

International president, Dr. E. L. Battles is bringing a team of proven international and national evangelist department workers to conduct the services. The evangelist and evangelist missionaries will teach, preach and share various ministries. The team is certain that everyone who attends will be helped and inspired by the testimonies, ministries and numerous activities planned. Among the team members are such notable evangelists as Veronica Thornton, Merrel C. Battle, Milton Oliver, Elizabeth Copeland, W. Girvin Christie and master teacher, Dr. Charles Smith. Dr. Reatha Herndon and Sister Almyra Battles will be there working and giving the president support. The evangelist team concept from leadership to workers is the key to solid outreach. The evangelists are ready to serve!

Some of the areas the seminars will address are conducting street ministry, prison ministry, and rest home visitation. As President Battles reflected, "This crusade will edify the saints and bring deliverance to the sinner...Institutional evangelism in hospitals, prisons and the facilities for the confined are also included in the three day spiritual explosion."

For reservations call the Holiday Inn in Portsmouth, Virginia at 1-804-393-2573. The Holiday Inn will serve as the crusade hotel and is prepared to receive the saints.

TO THE SAINTS *EVERYWHERE*

Holy greetings from the Southern tip of Africa in the precious name of Jesus! We are sending SOS appeal to our Christian friends in the international community to continue with their generous support to Botswana as it entered the sixth year of drought and famine. Large areas in the Western and Central Botswana are facing the driest period, and many people are starving to death. The situation continues to be grave, and we need the prayers and help of God's people everywhere to render assistance to these indigent people. We pray and hope that the Lord will touch the hearts of many to help save a life at this critical moment of our History.

We list here some items for which we need your prayers and help:

1. Immediate Borehole drilling for water costing $7,000.00 including pumping equipments.

2. Generous donations to feed the community.

3. Delivery truck for distribution of food costing $13,000.00.

4. Used clothing for men, women and children.

All your donations should be Earmarked COGIC Relief Funds, Botswana Diocese. Payable to COGIC Missions Department, P.O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee 38101. Whatever the Lord lays on the hearts of His people to send, we will receive with thanksgiving as unto the Lord. Please write me today.

Bishop S. S. M. Maimela,
Francistown,
Botswana..Southern Africa

McCORMICK SEMINARY HIRES C.O.G.I.C. PROFESSOR

David D. Daniels, III, a native of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, was named to the post of Instructor in Church History. Mr. Daniels is currently a doctoral candidate at Union Theological Seminary and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University (1979) and a Bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College (1976). His teaching will stress the history of the church in America with emphasis on the Black churches in the American church experience.

Mr. Daniels was Instructor of Religion at Phillips-Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire (1979-83), has held tutorials at Union Seminary in Modern Church History (1984-85), and served as Adjunct Professor of Church History at New York Theological Seminary (1984-86). He has also been Co-director (1986) of "Doing Theology at the Crossroads," an inter-session program for college students.

A minister of the Church of God in Christ, New Hampshire Diocese, Daniels has been Occasional Pastor of the Grace Gospel Church, New York City. He is married to the Reverend Delois Brown Daniels, chaplain at Yale-New Haven Hospital.



David D. Daniels, 111

A SET OF DIFFICULT MORAL QUESTIONS

The development of the field of genetic engineering has enabled humankind to alter and recreate some of the processes God had ordained in the creation of life. The technology now exist to unite the genes of two female mice to produce a third female offspring. It will only be a matter of time before two human females can reproduce without the need of a male sperm. The technology now exist for a third party (female) to bare a child in the place of its natural mother. We now have the choice to choose the sex of our offspring with 70-80% certainty. Soon the process will be 100% effective. Soon man will be able to redesign the human body. Soon we will be able to clone copies of ourselves.

Does this read like science fiction? Well it is truth becoming reality. An elite science magazine reported that genetic engineering has been going through an essential tooling up phase; it is now ready to go into business. A distinguished science commentator was reported as saying, "Just as we have manipulated plastics and metals, we are now manufacturing living materials."

Two critics of genetic engineering wrote a book entitled WHO SHOULD PLAY GOD? That is a good question. What is humankind that we dare think about playing God? What active role should the saints of God play in relation to these questions of morality and ethics? This genetic engineering is producing many advantages. For example, we have two saints enter a doctor's office and they are unable to produce a child. What choices have they? Let us say it is 1997. The husband is unable to provide sperm. The wife can pray to ask God to intervene or she can have an artificial insemination. If the wife is biologically unable, a surrogate mother could be acquired. What moral grounds should this couple

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MRS. WHITTLEY ANNOUNCES J.O.PATTERSON FINE ARTS ORCHESTRA

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Orchestra is scheduled to perform in Memphis, Tennessee on the official day of our November Convocation. The national orchestra, a vision of our International Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, will be complete with strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. It is designed to mobilize and unite instrumentalists throughout the Church of God in Christ for the purpose of playing zion songs to the glory of God.

Orchestra rehearsals will be held during our National Convocation, beginning Wednesday, November 4, 1987 through Saturday, November 7, 1987 at 10:00 am promptly in the Gold Room of our Downtown Headquarters, Church of God in Christ, Inc., 272 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

We warmly and enthusiastically invite your support of this special fine arts project for the development and continued growth of our church.

1. Do you play an orchestral instrument?

2. Would you be willing to share your knowledge and expertise with other professional instrumentalists?

3. Are you interested in further enhancing the faithful execution, proficiency and appreciation for the fine arts in the Church of God in Christ?

4. Would you like the opportunity of being a part of the vision of our International Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson for the establishment of a national orchestra for the Church of God in Christ?

5. Are you willing to sacrifice time for scheduled rehearsals and, more specifically, for the orchestral performance to be rendered on the official day of the National Convocation.

If your answer is YES to the above questions, please complete the APPLICATION FORM.

APPLICATION IS ON PAGE 7

HMFAC by *Wilma Hughey*



HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND FINE ARTS CENTER

WE ARE NOW WHO WE WERE THEN I PETER 2:9

No Black Christian organization in the world can boast of a more dynamic and inspiring history than the Church of God in Christ assemblies. This is why your Church is actively searching for important historical materials before they are lost or destroyed.

Our Church of God in Christ history is the scaffold upon which our vast membership is constructed. It is a living legend inclusive of scripts, roles and models to which all youths can aspire. Having access to data that valorize our heroes while validating our identity is a must. Our hopes are that the Archives and Museum will become a spiritual habitat for the Saints when they visit the City of Memphis.

The goal of the Church's Historical Museum is to preserve evidence of our religious origins from Bishop Mason's time to the present. The focus will be to present artifacts and documents that will reflect the struggle and opposition faced by our founding fathers, and the results of their faith in God. Their precocious visions and the prophesies that supported those visions must be the yardstick to compare our gains as we undertake the dream of A.S.U.

Were you or a loved one in the origin and/or development of any ministry relating to the Church? Do you know individuals whose experiences and views should be preserved on tape? You can help preserve our Church of God in Christ heritage by donating historical materials to the Historical Museum Archives. Send all correspondence to P. O. Box 320 Memphis, Tennessee 38101. Hope to hear from you soon!

WOMEN'S LEADER CONFERENCE



WOMEN WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED:Row One L—R Ida Moore BIBLE WAY WORLDWIDE, INC.,Christine Davis CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (CME), Jennie Hall PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, Tiny Kirksey NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC., Irene B. Reid AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME), Row Two L—R Ruth Glover AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME), Beatrice Avery AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME), Alma Starks AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME), Florine James AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME), Theodora Smith AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION (AMEZ), Iris Fisher UNITED HOLY CHURCH of AMERICA (UHCA), A. Marie Bledsoe CHURCH of GOD in CHRIST (COGIC), Marie Pierce AMERICAN BAPTIST, Juanita Morris CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (CME).

WASHINGTON, D.C.--A. Marie Bledsoe represented Church of God in Christ women at a national Christian conference on hunger among women, infants, and children in the United States.

She was among 14 women representing nine predominately Black Christian denominations at the "Entitled to Life" Conference, this summer in Washington, D. C. The women shared information about what their denominations are doing to reduce world hunger and they learned more about the importance of Christian public policy advocacy in alleviating hunger in the United States.

The conferees focused on legislation now under consideration by the U. S. Congress that would increase funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in the United States. The purpose of the WIC bill is to increase nutritious foods available to low income, malnourished pregnant women, nursing mothers, and to children under five years old. The WIC program now benefits less than half of all eligible candidates, and this neglect is linked to untold numbers of infant deaths, sickness, and mental and physical retardation.

The conference was sponsored by Bread for the World, the national Christian citizens' movement against hunger. During the three-day conference the women worshipped, studied hunger issues, the root causes of hunger, and discussed ways that their denominations may become more involved in public policy advocacy with and for poor and hungry people of the world. They were challenged by national religious leaders including Bishop Othal H. Lakey of the Second Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) and by Gladys Strachan, executive with United Presbyterian Women. Also present during the conference were Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, resident Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) Georgia area and Dr. William J. Harvey, III, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A. Foreign Mission Board.

On the last day of the conference, the Christian women leaders visited the offices of their U. S. Senators and Representatives seeking support for the WIC bill. While on Capitol Hill, they were addressed by a staff member of the U. S. House Select Committee on Hunger.

"This was indeed a wonderful opportunity to learn how Bread for the World can better work with these women and their denominations in response to Christ's mandate to feed the hungry," said Mrs. Carol Seaman, coordinator of Church Relations for Bread for the World. "After meeting together, we realized that through Christian unity, we can shape U. S. public policies that bring relief to people suffering right in our own communities."

Bread for the World is an interdenominational movement of Christians with 40,000 members and 800 supporting churches nationwide.

THE TEAR DROPS OF JESUS by *R.L.Monroe*

Jesus wept, not out of any concern for Himself, but rather out of compassion and sympathy for His friends. He's a friend to us and He sympathizes with our problems, He shares our griefs, and He cares when we're in need.

He was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane by one of His own, kissed with the kiss of Death, but He didn't cry. He was nailed to a cross, pierced in the side, and a crown of thorns pressed on His head, but He didn't cry.

No, His tears had been for the family and friends of Lazarus. Lazarus had been dead for four days, but Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and He declared in His word, He that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live.

There was need for tears on that special Sunday morning, when the women came early to anoint the Body of Jesus, for Jesus lives, Yes He does, and He's alive forever more.

Here's one thing I want you to do, in spite of trouble, wait on the Lord. In spite of problems, wait on the Lord. In spite of persecution, wait on the Lord. For if you wait on the Lord, He'll renew your strength, you'll mount up with wings as eagles, you'll run and not be weary, you'll walk and not faint.

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TEXAS SOUTHWEST

Texas Southwest Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ Bishop T. D. Iglehart, Prelate and Mrs. Emma Crouch Supervisor of Women and Second Assistant to Mother Mattie McGlothen of the Women's Dept. nationally, held its Annual State Meeting July 13-19th in Waco, Texas.

Highlights of the Meeting:

Bishop F. D. Washington of New York ministered each night in an Old Time Revival as the week's evangelist, his messages and warm spirit helped hundreds in a spiritual renewing and many came to the Lord. The Theme: "Jesus Christ, The Only Answer to the World's Crisis" there were Workshops, and many spirit filled devotions.

The Women's Day Observance with Mother Crouch and her beautiful women on parade for the Lord, the evening message for women was given by Mother Dessie Mae Iglehart, our Bishops wife, she admonished the women and encouraged them, especially the young women.

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DEAR EDITOR

Holy Greetings to you and the Saints of God. I am Bishop E. D. Robinson's wife, Mrs. Alice G. Robinson and reside in Pasadena, California. Bishop E. D. Robinson has retired from the pulpit. In 1984, December 18th he said good-bye to active ministry. I, his wife would like to put this in the Whole Truth Newspaper. I am sure the saints remember him there.

He never missed one of the Memphis meetings, hardly before 1980. Praise God, he loved to attend the Holy Convocation. He worked with the bishops and he did so faithfully. He yet wants to come and experience the glorious gathering of the saints again.

His experience in ministry is wide. His work as pastor also includes Louisiana, where he built churches. The bishop evangelized here and there for years. During those times the Lord used him mightily.

This year on April 30th, the bishop turned 87 years old. He prays and mourns in the spirit and is committed to a life of meditation. Bishop stepped down from the pulpit in favor of a younger man maintaining the church. His prayer was that God give him power to preach the Word as Jesus said. Certainly, the minister must tell them Jesus came to save them from sin, as never before.

I am sure the bishop would love to know his co-workers are now aware he needs their prayers and support in love. He is now retired in a convalescent nursing hospital close to his home. God is good to him and he loves the Lord. My request is that you pray for the bishop and God will strengthen him. As He would always say," Preach the Word in season and out of season. Let brotherly love continue and love ye one another, as I've loved you."

His devoted wife,

Mother A. G. Robinson

THIRD GENERATION'S HOLD BREAKFAST

The State Third Generation Missionaries of Southern California, Jurisdiction No. I, held their Annual Prayer Breakfast on May 16, 1987, at The Airport Park Hotel in Inglewood, California.

Their very distinguished Guest Speaker was, Dr. Regina S. Jones, PHD, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the wife of Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., a General Board Member of The Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Dr. Jones' higher educational achievements include graduating from Temple University on three (3) occasions. She earned a Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Education. She presently serves as an Administrator in one of Philadelphia's Urban Schools. Sis. Jones' extended church activities include a speaking ministry that enables her to address numerous congregations and organizations, from pulpits to lectures over airways and Television channels throughout the Brotherhood of Christ.

Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, Dr. Jones blessed the hearts of a vast audience of guests in the Los Angeles Area. She asked, "What good are you to the Lord?" Are you available, and are you committed?" She then shouted, "God not only looks for people who are available, but, people who are busy."

Ms. Cerceader L. Gilmore of Los Angeles is State President of the 3rd Generations; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Willa A. Freeman; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Mary D. Starr-Dr. Lillian A. Morris, State Supervisor of Women; Bishop Charles E. Blake, Jurisdictional Prelate.



Special Guest, Dr. Regina Jones, receives Letter of Certification from Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, presented by Third Generation President, Cerceader Gilmore.

Accompanying Sis. Jones to Southern California was Mrs. Norma Shephard also of Philadelphia.

A Letter of Certification from the Mayor of Los Angeles, The Honorable Tom Bradley, was presented to Dr. Regina Jones in this early morning setting. "God bless you, Sis. Jones, from the "Third Generations of Southern California."

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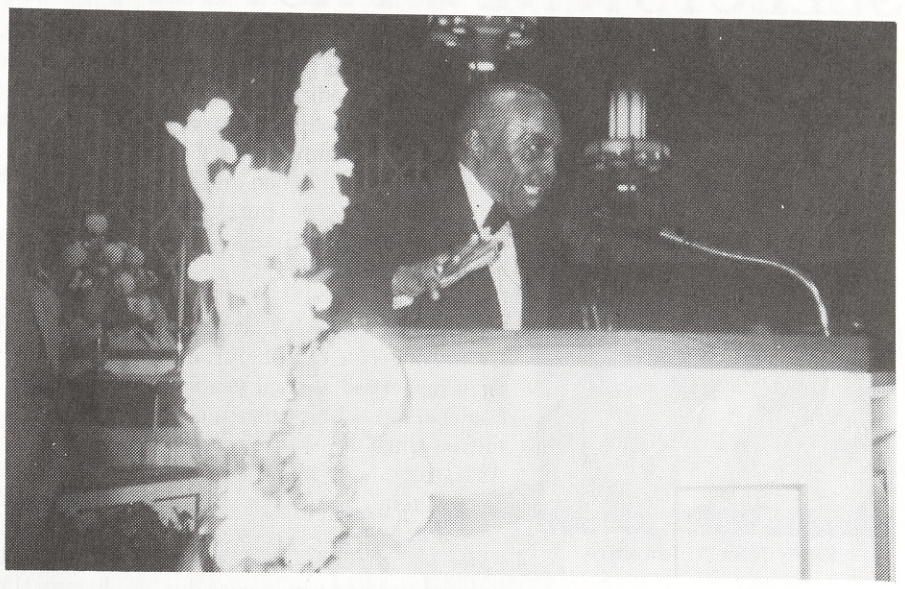
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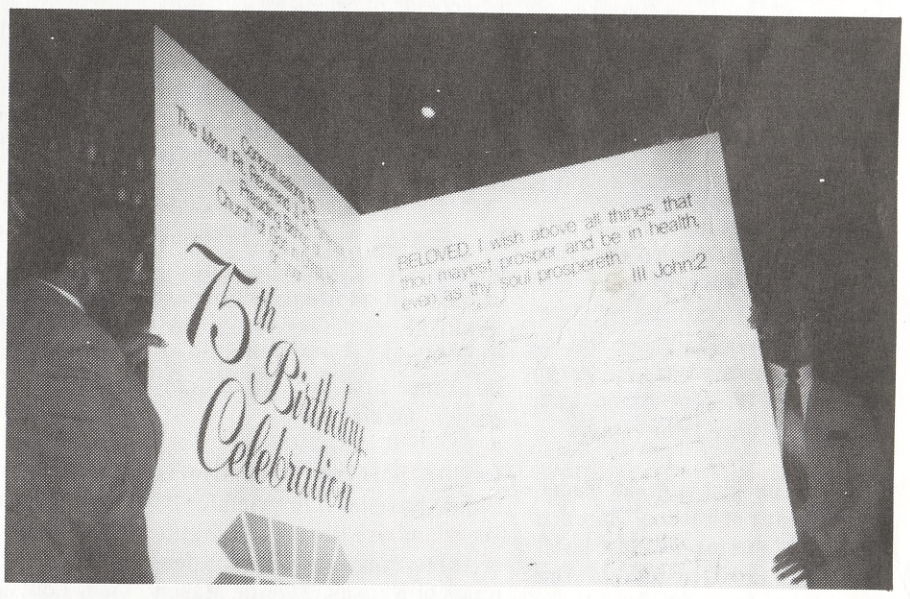
Bishop Louis H. Ford talks about the good ole days.



Bishop F. D. Washington preaching under the anointing.



Representatives from the Memphis Hotel Association present Bishop with an award.



Bishop W. L. Porter and Elder James Lewis present giant birthday card.



Bishop poses with choir members of the Eastern Missouri Mass Choir.



Bishops Patterson, Watson, Westbrook and Lindsey after the service.

UNAC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

What were the children 5 years to 18 years old doing while the grown saints were busy carrying out the UNAC agenda? Before anyone says they were running around the hotel, sun bathing at the pool or simply being annoying, allow me to inform you readers about the children's church.

During the UNAC, one of the most exciting ministries was that of the UNAC Children's Church Ministries. Elder Charles Brown and Elder Alton Gatlin, two great guys with big hearts and lots of energy, directed loyal youth workers and provided wholesome worship geared for youth. Daily some 600-800 Cogic children were blessed to share in a fulfilling UNAC. Over 100 youth were saved and 40 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Elder Brown is the pastor of the Full Gospel Church of God in Christ in New Orleans, Louisiana and Elder Gatlin is the pastor of the First Church of God in Christ in Crowley, Louisiana. Together those two molded an afternoon activity where the youth got educational, skills building and spiritually enlightening activites. The agenda was jammed full and did not give the youth time to rest, but burned that energy in a very positive method. Elder Gatlin was in charge of an activity called rapture practice. If you can imagine that 800 enthusiastic youths jumping up shouting, "Thank You Jesus" whenever anyone shouted the words rapture practice! Yes, the children had fun also.

There were youth choirs from near and far. A youth instrumental group from West Memphis, Arkansas provided a big brass sound to gospel. Some of the nation's most talented children did a wonderful thing for God.

Daily a different preacher or missionary provided powerful messages that addressed the concerns and problems of youth. As a result of such care and attention, the altar was filled daily with young people repenting and seeking God for the Holy Ghost.

The youth church was surely one of the finest activities offered at UNAC this year.

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JESUS

Listen, one thing you can count on, if you wait on the Lord, in this life, I said in this life, God Himself, God Himself, God Himself, He'll wipe away all of your tears, yes He will!

R. L. Monroe

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TEXAS

The official day service climaxed with the crowning of the spirit on our Bishop Iglehart, he spoke on "Let's Go Back to God", the meeting ended with prayer for all the delegates and now the state look forward to the district settings and the National Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee.
Reporter, W. B. Hardy
San Antonio, Texas

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MORAL

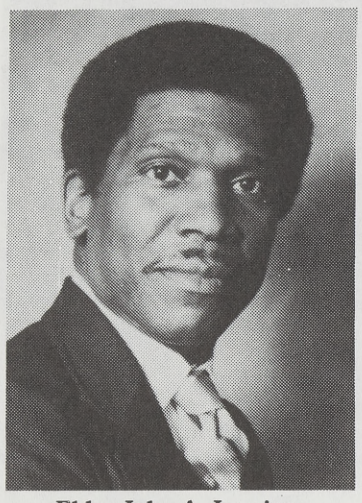
stand upon? What if the doctor is a saint? He is yet bound by an oath, a civil law and his moral responsibility to help. Where does he stand?

What if two gay women requested the process to have their genes matched to make a child? What if a couple desired a child six feet tall when they are only 5 ft. 2 in.? If the technology exist to fill these request, what is the moral position of the saints.

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McGLOTHEN TEMPLE SELECTS A NEW PASTOR



Elder John A. Jennings

By an overwhelming vote of confidence by the Deacon Board and members of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ at 1443 Filbert Street in Richmond, California, Elder John Allen Jennings of Richmond was appointed as the new pastor by Jurisdictional Bishop Wilbur W. Hamilton. He is the seventh pastor that has served the congregation of this 62 year old church. His predecessors were Elders W. W. Harrison, F. E. Fears, S. Heyman, C. A. Perry, Bishop G. W. McGlothen and Bishop Clarence James Davis.

The church lost a great leader in the death of Bishop Clarence Davis in September of last year. Elder Jennings, a son of the Temple, comes with experience and dedication to the work of the Lord. He was first introduced to holiness in 1950, in Charleston, South Carolina.

During his religious career, he assisted his father, Pastor H. J. Jennings in constructing a church and served in many churches across the country and overseas while making a career in the military.

In 1969, Elder Jennings joined McGlothen Temple under the leadership of Bishop C. Davis. He served faithfully on the deacon board and assisted with the music ministry of the church. In 1976, he accepted his call to the ministry and was ordained an Elder in 1979.

Bishop Davis, founder of the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, in Berkeley, appointed Elder Jennings pastor of Mt. Zion in July, 1979, where he has served until this new appointment.

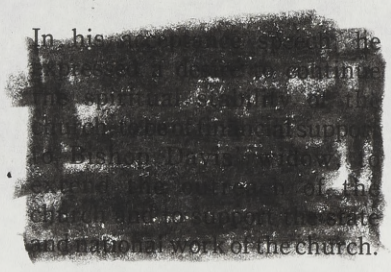
During his eight years as leader there, a new edifice was purchased, furnished, and incorporated; an accredited Day Care Center was established and two church vans were purchased. The church facilities were valued at $305,000.

In the Richmond District of California Northwest Jurisdiction, he served several years as chairperson of the finance committee until he was appointed Assistant District Superintendent.

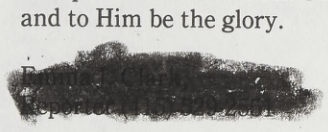
Elder Jennings attended several universities and seminaries during his military career and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Hampton Institute. He has done further study toward a Masters in Business Administration at Armstrong College, Berkeley, California.

He received many decorations before retiring from the military in 1975. In addition to his pastoral duties, he serves as Division Manager of A. L. Williams Insurance and Securities Company in Oakland.

Pastor Jennings and Gloria Elaine have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of three children: Vincent Jennings of Kansas, Yvonne Mason of North Carolina and Cynthia Norman of Richmond. They have eight grandchildren.



God has blessed McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ and to Him be the glory.



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MOUNT CALVARY HOMECOMING

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

"The Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ cordially invites all former members of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of the late Elder C. E. Church, Sr., and the Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ under Pastor C. E. Church, Jr., to join us for a Homecoming Reunion Fellowship on Sunday, August 23, 1987, in Los Angeles, California.

Come, let us join together in "Songs of Sweet Accord" offering thanks and praises to our God.

Elder C. E. Church,
Pastor
Mo. M. Johnson,
Homecoming Chairperson

SOCIETY

HINES—SINGLETARY WEDDING

Harmonious themes of love were orchestrated to complement heart felt commitments of two joined together. On Thursday, the Eleventh of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven at Houston, Texas, Dr. Mrs. Mary Nell Hines was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Charley Singletary. The wedding was performed by the Reverend Charles L. Stevenson, Pastor of the Garden of Gethsemane and La Marque Chapel Church of God in Christ, Inc. The Right Reverend Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush rendered the congregational wedding ceremony prayer and offered supplication for marital blessings along with sharing the Divine Word of God through Holy Liturgy.

Moreover, this auspicious occasion brought together many relatives and friends to both witness and share in moments of nuptial happiness. Some traveled great distances to offer their love and upheld friendship for the bride and groom. Among the very special guests to attend the wedding were, Mrs. Mae Winbush, Mrs. F. D. Washington, Brooklyn, New York, Dr. David A. Hall, Mrs. Sara Jordan Powell, Ms. Blanche Ranger, Fort Worth, Texas, Missionary Louise Perryman, Oakland, California, Dean Ella Mae Lambert, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Mary Lee Harmon, Arcadia Parish, Louisiana, Mother Victoria Barnes, State Supervisor, Mr. John and Mark Powell, the Reverend and Mrs. Alton Gatlin, Crowley, Louisiana, Ms. Odessa Winbush, Master Sergeant Lanzy and Mrs. Hines, San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. James Reaux and Mr. Lawrence Seals, both of the North Forest I.S.D. Congratulatory telegrams were sent by Federal District Attorney Ernest Scott, Seattle, Washington, (Bride's brother) and Mr. Michael Singletary of the "Chicago Bears" (Groom's brother). Locally, the congratulatory statements were many, as Mr. Singletary is a well respected businessman. He owns Unique Construction Company.



L—R The Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, Mr. and Mrs. C. Singletary, and the Reverend Charles L. Stevenson.

Furthermore, the striking elegance of the wedding decor boasted of the pride felt by the Gethsemane and La Marque family for their founding church parent, Mrs. Mary Nell Hines. The church setting was aglow with her radiant beauty along with the charming qualities of Mr. Charley Singletary. The beautiful setting arrayed with soft blue and warm pink hues was heightened by the melodious style of the masterful Michael Stevenson and mellifluous lyric soprano, Mrs. Brigette Perkins. The Dr. Charles Law's instrumental music insighted the congregation with waves of sacred music.

Also, the ceremony was rich in conviction and spiritual authentication as the Reverend C. L. Stevenson declared the doctine of fidelity. The Right Reverend Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush carried the ceremony to levels of common assent, as the congregation reverently joined him in a bond of divine benediction. The bride and groom exchanged precious vows of endearment that were sealed with mutual affiance and God's most holy sanction. With that, the congregation was free to express their mounting exuberance and voiced a hearty amen!

Following the ceremony, the wedding party and friends joined in an unusually warm and cordial reception. The spirit of Christian fellowship filled the hall and moments of precious sharing was contagious. The moment arrived when the newly wedded would depart. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Singletary were whisked out of the city in a sleek extra-long white and gold trimmed limousine, for a five-day honeymoon trip. May the Lord wonderously fill their union with His choice blessings.

The Elder Fred C. Perkins,
Reporter

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

by
Fran Miller

50 years ago Titus Barnes and Victoria Turner said, "I do and until death do us part...In sickness and in health...For better or worse..." Of course those endearing words are vows of marriage and commitment. These two very special people celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. It was indeed a golden event. Their golden anniversary was held at the same church in which the couple was married. Bishop R. E. Woodard, pastor of the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ reaffirmed the vows before more than 400 people.

The church was decorated in gold. There was a running water fountain and a white bird cage with two doves who sweetly sang during the ceremony. The groom serenaded the bride as she gracefully stepped down the aisle.

The bride wore a chalk white silk organza, which is a tea length gown. The gown was embroided with rhinestone flowers having gold and silver leaves. Her slippers were gold and very with it shall we say! The groom and his party wore white tuxedos. The entire wedding party consisted of sons and daughters, grand and great grand children. When Bishop Woodard asked who was giving the bride away, the bride's brother and brother-in-law stated, "We do!" Then the entire wedding party responded, "And we do too!" The couple exchanged diamond rings and the whole affair was simply the best. To top things off, Sister Sara Jordan Powell sang, "This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made."

Many relatives and long time friends came out to help celebrate this long and beautiful marriage. Many gifts, flowers and cards poured in from all over America. After the ceremony the many family and friends attended a reception. The wedding party was driven there in limosines. The Stouffer Hotel ballroom was filled to its capacity. The bride and groom spoke to the attendees. They related how they personally endured both the good and bad times. They thank God the good times over shadowed the bad. The bride said, "Love has kept us together by the grace of God."



MR & MRS Titus Barnes

The Barnes family are loyal and dedicated members of the Williams Temple Church of God in

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REVIVAL NEWS

Holy greetings to the Saints everywhere Proverbs 3:5-6. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

June 22-26, 1987, a revival was held at No. 4 COGIC (3044 E. Broadway Rd. Phoenix, Arizona).

The evangelists were "The Sons of Thunder" from Crowley and Shreveport, Louisiana. Elder Alton Gatlin and Elder McClendon Winbush conducted the revival. The saints from other churches participated in this revival also. Some of the members of Paradise COGIC 1728 E. Pueblo, Phoenix, Arizona. Greater St. Luke Powerhouse Memorial COGIC, 2502 E. Wood St., Phoenix-Elder Robert Overstreet, pastor, Outreach COGIC 4401 S. 7th Pl., Phoenix, Elder W. B. Hartfield-Pastor First COGIC, 1301 E. Madison St. Phoenix, Arizona. Elder H. Shepherd-pastor and Faith Tabernacle COGIC pastored by the state president of The Home & Foreign Mission Dept. Elder Winbush's sister from Tucson, Arizona, her husband and her children came on Friday night.

Souls were saved, people received financial blessings, and two young ladies were filled with the Holy Ghost.

The revival lasted only a week because the evangelists had other engagements.

Pastor Lonnie Green and the saints of No. 4 COGIC have already invited "The Sons of Thunder" to come back to Phoenix. If "The Sons of Thunder ever come to your city, go out to hear them. They are in good standing with the National COGIC.

Yours for Christ,

Elder Lonnie Green and the Members of No. 4 COGIC, 3044 E. Broadway Rd. Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Reported by Bro. J. B. Braker, Outreach COGIC, 4401 S. 7th Place, Phoenix, Arizona 85040

WHEN THE MASTER IS RISEN UP... WHAT THEN

Many will seek to enter in, but shall not be able to. Saints, let's try the straight gate (St. Matt. 7:13). Today, there are too many people, young, old, and middle-aged who are on the broadway road that leads to destruction. Our jail houses are full of people who are on their way to destruction. If you are on the broadway road today, stop and think about what direction you're heading and turn around. I did! I moved off broadway and am now living on straight street.

There is plenty of good room, unlike old broadway; which is too crowded. Listen, I used to live on broadway, I thought I was doing fine. Someone came along one day and told me about Jesus and that I was dying. I knew then that I was going in the wrong direction, so I moved. Listen, Why not move before the Master hast shut the door. He shut the door on some people once they were late (St. Matt. 25:11). The Master also shut the door when Noah built the Ark and finished it. The people called and tried to get in, but it was too late. The Master had shut the door, and as a result, many souls were lost in the storm. (Gen. 17:26-27).

Friends let's strive to enter in at the strait gate, narrow it may be but it will lead to life eternal. The Bible says few will find it. You should try it, when you get on a street, make sure its Straight Street. The table is spread and all you need is on it. There's joy over here, there's peace over there and you won't have to worry about knocking after the door is closed. Don't let your oil run out, go to God's gas station and tell him to fill you up and to keep you refilled. All this is over here on straight street if you come over right. You won't want to go back to old broadway. Listen, search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life (St. John 5:39).

There was a group who came in and said "Lord open unto us the door." But his reply was "Depart from me, I know you not". They said unto Him, but we did a lot of work in thy name, but the Lord said depart from me, I know you not. You see, friends Jesus is coming soon! I feel his coming drawing near. Have you ever seen days like these? Our young people think they have found a way to enjoy and to end it all. But little do they know, it has just begun. For God has declared in His word that without Him we can do nothing. Trying to take our own lives is not the answer to the problem, but in times like these we need God. The secret of today is to walk with God and let Him solve our problems. Listen, friends we won't be able to go to heaven on a flowery bed of ease. Jesus didn't. He had to suffer, so we have to arm ouselves likewise (I Peter 4:1-2). We must suffer here or eternally in hell, the choice is ours. For indeed it would be bad to suffer here and then die and go to a place of suffering and punishment. If you are a person who does not know the Lord in the pardon of your sins, start seeking the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near, because it is not God's will that any soul should perish and go to the place which burns with fire and brimstone, eternally. For He hast said in His word, "I set before you an open door, you can choose or refuse." These are the last and evil days, the devil is going to and fro, up and down the land, seeking whom he may devour. But God said in the last days He would pour out His spirit on all flesh and that His sons and daughters would prophesy (Joel 2:28). So let's get busy and believe God's word, these are the last days.

Listen, God is blessing in our church Union Chapel COGIC under the leadership of Supt. Jasper Andrews in Newark, New Jersey. We had a revival here and there was this little boy who wanted to be saved. I told him to look to God and praise His name and all at once he started speaking in tongues. Just when everybody was coming to prayer they could see and hear him speaking. You see, God is still in the saving business, young and old, he is still pouring out His spirit on all flesh. We usually have prayer meeting and tarry service every Friday night just to catch the young people. God is moving in these last and evil days.

Yours for the Master's Service,

District Missionary Annie Bullock
Secretary-Sis. Maria Holmes
Pastor/Supt. Rev. Jasper Andrews

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BELLS

Christ. Mother Victoria Barnes is active in the local, state and national church. Bro. Titus Barnes is a major business owner in Houston. He owns and operate the Barnes Mortuary of Houston, Texas.

Next May 20, 1988, Lord willing these two will celebrate number fifty one.

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OBITUARY

SIMS

"A FISHER OF MEN" and "HE DID"

William Henry Sims was born to the loving union of Moses and Melvinney Sims in Teague, Texas on July 16, 1908.

He attended the public schools of Dallas, Texas. Later, after moving to Denver, he attended the Rocky Mountain Bible College.

In 1947, he met Fannie Mae Wilson, whom he married in 1948. To this blessed union one child was born, Wanda. Fannie Mae preceeded him in death.

Elder Sims moved to Denver June 9, 1942 from Lubbock, Texas where he pastored the Happy Hollow Church. During his pastorate, many souls were saved, because he was obedient to the law of God. He was blessed to purchase another location in spite of obstacles and attacks and finally God moved him East. As a result of this move, he worked with such dynamic men of God as Bishop B. T. McDaniels, Nebraska; Bishop C. Range, Boston and Bishop Riley Williams in Ohio.

Little was known at this time the great work that lay ahead for Elder Sims and His contact with these ministers helped him tremendously.

Finally it was time to come back to Denver, where the harvest was plentiful and the laborers were few. So, Bishop Mason assigned him under Bishop Morgan in Colorado. Once again being obedient, he moved his family in 1950 back to Denver.

The enemy knew the great work this dynamic man of God had to do and attacked him in full force upon his return. In spite of not having a permanent location and then upon acquiring one, there were many altercations with the police regarding the joyful noises made in his services. Praying and trusting God he was able to resolve the problems. He was granted permission to worship freely.

Finally, God gave him another location to reap harvest and this time he moved to 35th and High Street and it was at this location many works of God were performed. Souls were saved and miracles were brought forth. God allowed him to work with other great dynamic leaders such as, Elder R. W. Campbell, Bishop W. B. Odom, Bishop C. Morgan and Bishop L. A. Jordan.

Now Elder Sims was truly a man after God's heart. It was his only desire to be pleasing in his sight. He had become quite knowledgeable in the word and ready to do even greater works. As many of God's disciples, he came up against the enemy but proved himself to overcome in the body of Christ. He preached the uncompromised Word of God and was rewarded greatly. As he elevated spiritually he came in contact with other great men such as Supt. R. E. Ranger, Bishop E. M. Page, Elder J. L. Langston, Bishop S. M. Crouch and Bishop D. D. Burger. God also increased his hunger and thirst for the Word and he attended the following Bible Colleges, Denver Bible College, D. L. Moody Bible College of Chicago, Illinois and Rocky Mountain Bible School.

Now, God felt the work ahead was so great he needed a helpmate and sent to him the loving and caring Sister Lillian, whom he married in 1974 in the home of Bishop Odom and she immediately joined him to do the work of God.

Elder Sims had truly placed an imprint in the body of Christ. He answered to the call of his Savior and sold himself out to be pleasing to God. God rewarded him for his diligent efforts and home in heaven has been prepared for him. Elder Sims followed the pattern Christ had set before him and lived it to the best of his ability. He was loving, kind, firm, merciful, loyal, faithful and very outgoing. He said, "Send me and I'll Go", and he did. He said, "Use me Jesus to do your work", and he did. He said, "Lord, I give my life to you" and he did. Rejoice, No finer example, other than Jesus could have been set before us.

Elder Sims was a loving and devoted father and husband and Jesus told him love your wife and family as Christ loved the Church and he did.

And now, he has been called home from a labor well done. His presence shall be greatly missed, but his example shall always be set before us. He did as Romans 12 asks us to do, "I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" and he did!!!

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Lillian Sims; a loving daughter, Wanda Sims; one son, Kenneth Nelson, all of Denver; a brother, Cloyd Sims, Cleveland, Ohio; two sisters, Tennie Watts, Teague, Texas; and Alberta Breedlove, Cleveland, Ohio; four grandchildren, Nikki High, San Antonio, Texas; Nicole, Corey and Gordon Titus, III, all of Denver; the Wayside Church of God in Christ Church family, a host of other relatives, many devoted friends and greatly missed by, The Metropolitan District.

WILSON

ELDER WILLIAM HENRY WILSON, JR., 58, who resided at 212 North Birdsell Street, went home to be with the Lord at 7:05 a.m., Monday, April 27, 1987, in Memorial Hospital.

He was born to the union of Elsie Elizabeth Jackson and William Henry Wilson, Sr., on April 9, 1929, in Ridgely, Lake County, Tennessee. Coming from Ridgely, he moved to South Bend fifty-six years ago. On August 11, 1949 in South Bend, he and Katherine Lee were united in holy matrimony.

Elder Wilson was the first black fireman to be hired on the South Bend Fire Department. He retired on March 13, 1976, after twenty-four years of service, as the battalion chief of the Fire Inspection Bureau. Also, Elder Wilson worked in security at Clay High School for ten years. In 1965, Elder Wilson was appointed pastor of Elizabeth Memorial Church of God in Christ, succeding his brother, the late Pastor John Wilson, and remained pastor until his death. He also held the offices of past Sunday School Superintendent, and Secretary, District II, Indiana North Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ, and Treasurer of the South Bend Pastor's Fellowship, Church of God in Christ.

Leaving to mourn his lost is a devoted wife, Katherine; four daughters, Elizabeth Bond, South Bend, Indiana, Sharon Tatum of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Angela Corbin of Detroit, Michigan, and Elaina Wilson of South Bend; one son, William H. Wilson, III of South Bend; thirteen grandchildren; his stepmother, Alice Henderson of Newark, New Jersey; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

The Minister of God has gone, to seek another home, In which he'll labor for his Christ, beside a Golden Throne.

Humbly submitted by the family

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MORAL

our church. The church must provide a means to prepare people capable and willing to make ethical decisions. The challenge of the future is now and we must equip ourselves to face it.

Bro. David Pride,
Fort Worth, Texas

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship Activities will be held in Memphis, Tennessee during our November Convocation. Preliminary activities (competition) will be held Friday, November 7, 1986, at 12:00 noon in the chapel of Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ, Linden Avenue at Danny Thomas Blvd., Bishop J. O. Patterson, pastor. Finalists will be selected by judges, and the finalists will perform and be awarded scholarships at the Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner which will be held at the Memphis Convention Center, Concourse Hall, Saturday, November 8, 1986, at 4:00 P. M.

If you are eligible to participate in the Fine Arts Activities, please inform your Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop so that they may provide financial assistance for your trip.

GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To cultivate broader acceptance and deeper appreciation for fine Arts talent in our church.

2. To stimulate and enhance interest in careers and advanced studies in the area of Fine Arts.

3. To motivate and encourage greater self-expression among our youth who possess such talents.

4. To emphasize the applicability of Fine Arts to effective ministries in our church.

5. To offer financial assistance to promising persons who are seeking to further develop their skills in Fine Arts and who correlate these skills with spiritual growth and development.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any member of the Church of God in Christ is eligible who is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six (16-26). The applicant must exhibit skill in Fine Art and must be contemplating or currently pursuing a career at a school or university of higher learning in the area of Fine Arts in performing music-vocal or instrumental, drama-speech, dramatic or oral interpretation; visual painting, sculpture, crafts, etc. Each participant must:

1. Bring a transcript from the previous or current semester's high school, college or university.

2. Visual artists should exhibit three or four original art works.

3. Performing artists should prepare two different selections representing musical or dramatic presentation.

4. Each participant will have a brief interview with the judges.

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Scholarship Candidate Profile Application

Name _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

Birthday _____

City _____ **State** _____

Zip _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Church Currently Attending _____

Pastor _____ **Bishop** _____

School, College or University _____

Classification _____ **Applicant's Major or Minor**

Applicant's Performance will be:

Music Drama Visual Art

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